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MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE HICKORY VALLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 6605 SHALLOWFORD RD., CHATTANOOGA, TN.
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM, MEETING BEGINS AT 7:30 PM -- VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

September 8 ……..…….. Monthly Meeting
Program … Canadian Small Queens - Part 1...John Burnett
October 13 ……..…… Monthly Meeting
Program … Canadian Small Queens - Part 2...John Burnett

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Chattanooga Stamp Club memberships are on a calendar year basis. Yearly dues are $10.00; send all monetary donations and membership dues to the club's Treasurer:

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THE CHATTANOOGA STAMP CHRONICLE

The Chattanooga Stamp Club is affiliated with the American Philatelic Society. The club has been dedicated to the study, preservation, and promotion of the philatelic hobby since 1932.

SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS

The Southeast Federation web site is a source for information about stamp collecting activities in the region.
Visit at: www.sefsc.org/federation-clubs.html

AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

American Philatelic Society (APS) is he largest nonprofit stamp collecting Foundation of philately in the world., With about 32,000 members as of 2014 worldwide.
Visit at: www.Stamps.org.

MINUTES OF AUGUST MEETING

16 Members were present when the meeting convened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 PM.

Minutes of the prior meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer reported a balance of $898.98 . We currently have 28 members paid up for 2016 plus 4 Life members. 2 members have already paid for 2017.

Pat Coverdale reported that Collegedale Library would let us put up a display in their facility, however, they cannot be responsible for its Safety. More thought will be given as to promotion of the Club.

2 Visitors were welcomed to the meeting.

August 20 and 21st , there is a show in Knoxville. There also is a Stamp Show in January at Atlanta. Jan 27-29 at the Hilton Hotel (same as last time) Exhibitors are needed.

For the next meeting Dan will bring drinks and Tom will bring Snacks.

Looking ahead to September and October, John Burnettt will present a Program on the Small Queens. November will be the Auction, start getting your lots ready. $1.00 minimum on any lot put up for sale.

Jim Hogue presented the Program for the Evening which was on Disney Stamps and Covers.

Tom

Refreshments for September meeting:
Snacks: Tom Matuszak
Drinks: Dan Chaij

Did you hear the one about the unstamped letter?
You wouldn't get it.

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HELP WANTED!

Be a published author! Contribute to your stamp club newsletter. Tell us about an interesting item in your collection or an interesting story about some other aspect of our hobby. Don't feel comfortable about whether what you write is good enough? Send your rough draft and it can be edited for publication.

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YOUR NEWSLETTER ONLINE!

The Chattanooga Stamp Club Newsletter is now available online! This is a benefit of membership in the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs. Access the web site at:
<http://www.sefsc.org/federation-clubs.html>
Newsletters from November, 2015 thru June, 2016 are available now. Earlier editions will be added from time to time. Other club newsletters are also online and you can get news from other stamp clubs at this site.

August 2016 STAMP ISSUES

August 2
Pets

August 4
Songbirds in Snow

August 12
Apples

August 19
Patriotic Spiral

STAMP OF THE MONTH

Scott #85A
Stamp US 1868 1c Z grill

The Benjamin Franklin Z Grill, or simply "Z-Grill", is a 1-cent postage stamp issued by the United States Postal Service in February 1868 depicting Benjamin Franklin. The Z-Grill is distinguished by having the so-called "Z" variety of a grill pressed into the stamp, creating tiny indentations in the paper whose purpose was to allow the cancelling ink to be absorbed better by the stamp's paper. The use of grills was found to be impractical and they were soon discontinued.

The 1-cent Z-Grill is generally considered the rarest and most valuable of all US postage stamps. There are currently only two known 1-cent 1868 Z-Grills, both with cancellation marks.

Southeastern Federation News:

The Jury for the January 27-29 Southeastern Stamp Expo has been announced as:

Stephen D. Schumann, Chair, California
Kathryn J. Johnson, Illinois
Dominick J. Riccio, New York
Colin G. Fraser, New York
Kenneth R. Nilsestuen, Ohio

This is a very experienced jury, with some very highly regarded judges.

UPCOMING SHOWS

September 17-18 - SDAG Fall Stamp Show. The Mansour Center, 995 Roswell St/. Marietta, GA. Stamp Dealers Association of Georgia. Wave Neal, PO Box 968, Joelton, TN 37080, 615-828-2304, waveneal@comcast.net

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October 1-2, 2016. MEMPHEX 2016 The Memphis Stamp Collectors Society annual Stamp & Postcard Show, Agricenter International, 7777 Walnut Grove Road, Memphis Tennessee 38120. Andrew J. Burkman, 901-382-1772, andburk@isit.net, Www.memphisstampcollectors society.org

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January 27-29, 2017. Southeastern Stamp Expo. Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs, Hilton Hotel Atlanta Northwest, 2993 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Norcross. Scott Mark, sestampexpo@gmail.com, www.sefsc.org

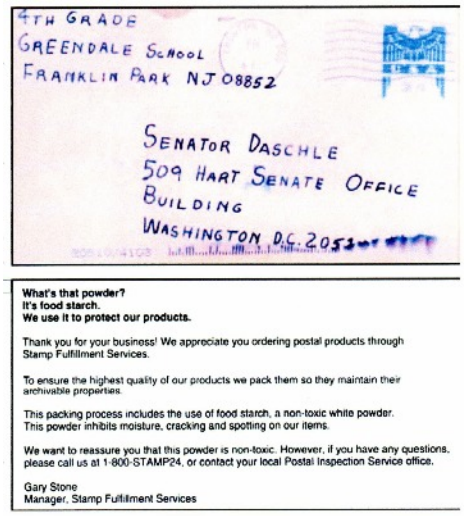
Below is a list of Albums still available from Willis Monk's collection. The thought being if each of us could buy one it would greatly help Susan out financially. Please give some serious consideration to this.

If you would like to review any of the following, call Tom Matuszak at 423-582-0968 and he will bring them to the September meeting.

NAME	No of Vol	Country
Scott	3	Africa
Scott	1	Spain
Scott	1	US 1847-1984
Scott	1	US 1985- 1997
Scott	1	US BOB & Post Cards
Scott	3	US BOB & Post Cards
New World	1	India
Master Global	5	World
	1	Australia 1913-1990
	4	Portuguese Colonies
	1	Mexico
	1	Canada
	1	Canada Stk Book
Int Jr Album	1	Bulgaria to Ivory
Comp World Wide	1	New
Modern Post Album	1	Empty
	14	World Stk Books
	1	Venezuela
	1	Turkey
	1	Denmark
	1	First day
Citation	1	
	2	Romania
	1	Butterflies
Statesman	1	partial
	1	Pakistan
	1	Poland Stk Book
	1	Coil Stamps
	1	Belgium / Bavaria
	1	Israel
	4	Argentina
	1	Honduras
	1	Slogans
	1	South Africa
	1	SW Africa
	1	South America Envelopes
	1	USSR
	3	Hungary & Stk Book
	1	El Salvador
	1	Columbia (Folder)
	2	Nicaragua (folder)
	2	Great Britain
	1	Jamaica
	1	Guatemala
	1	Middle East
	4	Brazil
	2	Venezuela
	1	Turkey
	1	Ireland
	1	Finland
	2	Italy

What's That Powder?

By Rudy de Mordaigle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GREENDALE SCHOOL
FRANKLIN PARK NJ 08852
SENATOR DASCHLE
509 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON D.C. 20510
What's that powder?
It's food starch.
We use it to protect our products.
Thank you for your business! We appreciate you ordering postal products through Stamp Fulfillment Services.
To ensure the highest quality of our products we pack them so they maintain their archivable properties.
This packing process includes the use of food starch, a non-toxic white powder. This powder inhibits moisture, cracking and spotting on our items.
We want to reassure you that this powder is non-toxic. However, if you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-STAMP24, or contact your local Postal Inspection Service office.
Gary Stone
Manager, Stamp Fulfillment Services

Vermont Senator Patrick Leahy was sent a letter on October 9, 1981, with schoolkid printing that appeared to be from the Greendale School fourth grade in Franklin Park, New Jersey. The return address was fictitious. The letter never reached him as it was misdirected to the State Department mail annex in Sterling, Virginia, due to a misread ZIP code. It was recovered there on October 16.

A similar letter, mailed the same day to Senator Tom Daschle of South Dakota, was opened by his staff on October 15. It contained a white powder and was one of a number of anthrax-laced letters mailed to newspapers and media outlets in New York and Florida, and the US Senate in mid September and October 2001 following destruction of the World Trade Center in New York City.

About thirty of Daschle's staff were exposed. Two days later, the House of Representatives recessed to allow decontamination of its offices. Two District of Columbia postal workers died from anthrax inhalation on October 22. In all, 22 people contracted anthrax and five died.

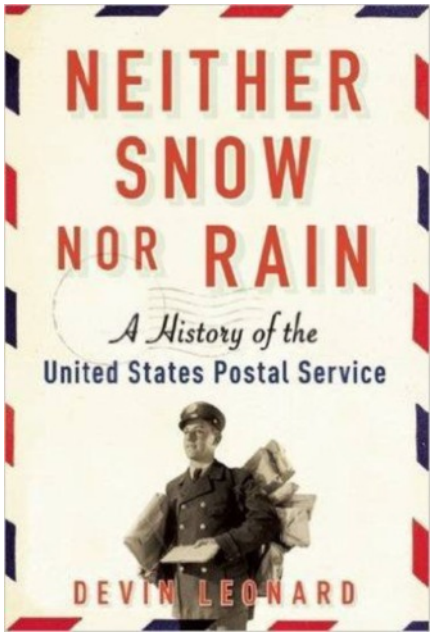
The nation was on edge. You can imagine USPS Stamp Fulfillment Services patrons' reactions when they received stamp orders dusted with a white powder. The USPS responded by enclosing a card with stamp orders, reassuring customers that the white powder was starch.

They did not say if the starch was wheat or corn. That concerned those with gluten intolerance. If the starch was wheat, those stamps might be dangerous to lick — not a problem with self-adhesives, since gluten is not absorbed through the skin. Apparently no one asked.

Registered dietician Tricia Thompson asked the USPS in 2009 if wheat was used in lick-stick adhesive in response to questions from her clients, since some adhesives are starch based. Cornstarch is used in stamp production, said the Postal Service, not wheat. It wasn't stated just where in stamp production it was used, but you can guess that it was used as that card informed us.

So we were reassured. Do you suppose we just should to be using this stuff in our stamp albums?

PHILATELIC READING LIST – THE POSTAL SERVICE



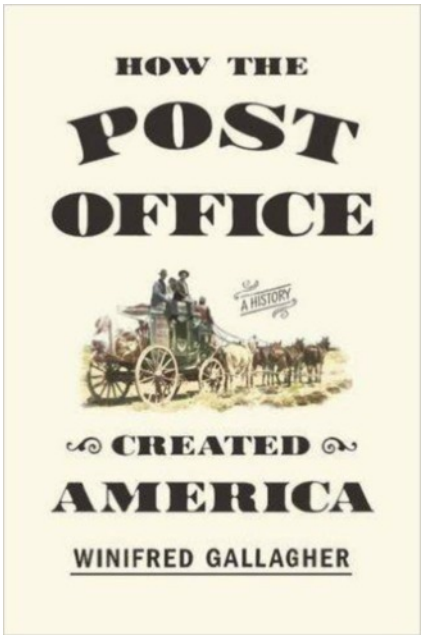
Neither Snow nor Rain: A History of the United States Postal Service

Devin Leonard

The United States Postal Service is a wondrous American creation. Seven days a week, its army of 300,000 letter carriers delivers 513 million pieces of mail, forty percent of the world's volume. It is far more efficient than any other mail service—more than twice as efficient as the Japanese and easily outpacing the Germans and British. And the USPS has a storied history. Founded by Benjamin Franklin, it was the information network that bound far-flung Americans together, fostered a common culture, and helped American business to prosper. A first class stamp remains one of the greatest bargains of all time, and yet, the USPS is slowly vanishing. Critics say it is slow and archaic. Mail volume is down. The workforce is shrinking. Post offices are closing.

In Neither Snow Nor Rain, journalist Devin Leonard tackles the fascinating, centuries-long history of the USPS, from the first letter carriers in Franklin's days, when postmasters worked out of their homes and post roads cut new paths through the wilderness. Under Andrew Jackson, the post office was molded into a vast patronage machine, and by the 1870s, over seventy percent of federal employees were postal workers. As the country boomed, USPS aggressively developed new technology, from mobile post offices on railroads and air mail service to mechanical sorting machines and optical character readers.

Neither Snow Nor Rain is a rich, multifaceted history, full of remarkable characters, from the stamp-collecting FDR, to the revolutionaries who challenged USPS's monopoly on mail, to the renegade union members who brought the system—and the country—to a halt in the 1970s. An exciting and engrossing read, Neither Snow Nor Rain is the first major history of the USPS in over fifty years.



How the Post Office Created America

Winifred Gallagher
A masterful history of a long under-appreciated institution, How the Post Office Created America examines the surprising role of the postal service in our nation's political, social, economic, and physical development.

The founders established the post office before they had even signed the Declaration of Independence, and for a very long time, it was the government's largest and most important endeavor—indeed, it was the government for most citizens. This was no conventional mail network but a central nervous system designed to bind thirteen quarrelsome colonies into the United States by delivering news about public affairs to every citizen—a radical idea that appalled Europe's great powers. America's uniquely democratic post powerfully shaped its lively culture of ideas and opinions and made it the world's information and communications superpower with astonishing speed.

Winifred Gallagher presents the history of the post office as America's own story, told from a fresh perspective over more than two centuries. The mandate to deliver the mail imposed the federal footprint on vast, often contested parts of the continent and transformed a wilderness into a social landscape of post roads and villages centered on post offices. The post was the catalyst of the nation's transportation grid, from the stagecoach lines to the airlines, and the lifeline of the great migration from the Atlantic to the Pacific. It enabled America to shift from an agrarian to an industrial economy and to develop the publishing industry, the consumer culture, and the political party system. Still one of the country's two major civilian employers, the post was the first to hire women, African Americans, and other minorities for positions in public life.

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